



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
CAP Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: April 23, 2019

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide/Suicide

Date: April 22, 2019

Time: 4:27PM

Location of Offense/Incident: 121 Niles Drive

Zone: 2

Precinct: 13

Incident Report #: 190317427/190317446

Cruiser District: 133

Victim: David E. Sellers II

Sex: Male

Race: White

Age: 30

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Ronald Payne

Address: 117 Niles Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43207

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex: Male

Race: White

Age: 74

Charges: Deceased - Suicide

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

Incident Summary: On April, 22, 2019, at 4:27PM, Officers responded to a shooting at 117 Niles Drive. Upon arrival, Officers located the victim lying on the grass with multiple gunshot wounds. The victim was pronounced deceased at 5:01pm by CFD EMS #11. A short time after the shooting, 911 call takers received a call from the suspect, who stated that he just shot his neighbor, and that he wanted to hurt himself. Patrol officers located the suspect parked behind the Kroger Store at 3637 S. High St. with an apparent self inflicted gunshot wound. The suspect was pronounced deceased at 4:50pm, by CFD Medic #22. It is believed that the shooting stemmed from a long term dispute between the victim and the suspect.

This is the 30th Homicide in Columbus, Ohio in the Calendar Year 2019. Detective Brian Sheline is the lead, being assisted by Det. A. Mall. The investigation continues.

Anyone with information regarding this incident, is asked to contact the Columbus Police Homicide Unit at 614-645-4730 or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at 614-461-TIPS (8477).

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